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BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Re:

Docket No. DN2001233

Sir:

Enclosed for filing is a Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b), including the Specification, with 17 claims, Declaration and Power of Attorney of Manoj Ajbani, Joseph Frank Geiser and Dane Kenton Parker, for NANOCOMPOSITIES OF ELASTOMER AND DISPERSION THEREIN OF INTERCALATED CLAY PREPARED IN AN AQUEOUS MEDIUM WITH FUNCTIONALIZED ELASTOMER.

The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Please charge our deposit account No. 07-1725 in the amount of \$740.00 in payment of the filing fee. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and/or 37 C.F.R. 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account No. 07-1725. This letter is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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